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1. THE UK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED APRIL 12 THAT A PROVISIONAL ANTIDUMPING DUTY OF 20 POUNDS (34.80 DOLLARS) PER TON IS BEING APPLIED TO JAPANESE NON-ALLOY LIGHT STEEL ANGLES AND SECTIONS IMPORTED INTO BRITAIN BEGINNING APRIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 7. (THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF EASTER HOLIDAY.) THE BRITISH INDEPENDENT STEEL PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION CLAIMS THE DUMPING MARGIN IS APPROXIMATELY 30 POUNDS PER TON.
- 2. THIS PROVISIONAL DUTY WILL CONTINUE IN EFFECT UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT DUMPING INVESTIGA-

TION ON JAPANESE STEEL BEGUN MARCH 14 (SEE REF A). TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE UK HAS APPLIED AN ANTIDUMPING DUTY AGAINST A PRODUCT FROM JAPAN BEFORE COMPLETION OF THE DUMPING INVESTIGATION. WE UNDERSTAND THE ACTION WAS TAKEN SO AS TO APPLY TO A CONSIGNMENT OF 4,500 TONS OF STEEL ANGLES NOW ON THE WAY FROM YOKOHAMA TO BRITISH PORTS, AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL 14,500 TONS WHICH ARE DESTINED FOR CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN PORTS AND SOME OF WHICH IT IS ASSUMED WOULD BE TRANSSHIPPED TO BRITAIN.

3. THE BRITISH ACTION FOLLOWS A MARCH 31 PROVISIONAL ANTIDUMPING DUTY APPLIED TO THE SAME STEEL PRODUCTS FROM SPAIN. THERE IS ALSO SOME TALK HERE THAT A PROVISIONAL DUTY WILL SOON BE APPLIED TO CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA. ALL OF THESE MOVES ARE BEING SEEN HERE AS A STRENGTHENING OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RESOLVE TO ACT MORE QUICKLY AND FIRMLY IN INSTANCES WHERE A GOOD CASE IS MADE FOR UNFAIR PRACTICES BY BRITAIN'S TRADING PARTNERS.

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